

**NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS**

2005 Federal Groundfish Management Measures that Affect Fishermen in Federal and State Waters off California

**TRAWL  
LIMITED ENTRY****January – April****All Bottom Trawling is Prohibited within the Trawl Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) <sup>6</sup>.*****Oregon border south to 38° N latitude***

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***38° N south to 34° 27' N latitude***

The RCA is generally defined as the waters between 75 and modified 150 in January and February, and between 100 and 150 fathoms in March and April.

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Selective flatfish trawl gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, selective flatfish trawl, and small footrope trawl gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA. Midwater trawl gear is permitted only for vessels participating in the primary whiting season.			Small footrope gear is required shoreward of the RCA; all trawl gear (large footrope, midwater trawl, and small footrope gear) is permitted seaward of the RCA.		
See § 660.370 and § 660.381 for Additional Gear, Trip Limit, and Conservation Area Requirements and Restrictions. See § 660.390 for Conservation Area Descriptions and Coordinates.					
	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR	JAN-FEB		MAR-APR
North of 40 10'			South of 40 10'		
Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish	4,000 lb/ 2 months		1	Minor slope rockfish <sup>2/</sup> & Darkblotched rockfish	
Pacific ocean perch	3,000 lb/ 2 months		2	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	4,000 lb/ 2 months
			3	South of 38° N. lat.	40,000 lb/ 2 months
			4	Splitnose	
			5	40°10' - 38° N. lat.	4,000 lb/ 2 months
			6	South of 38° N. lat.	40,000 lb/ 2 months
DTS complex			7	DTS complex	
Sablefish			8	Sablefish	14,000 lb/ 2 months
large & small footrope gear	9,500 lb/ 2 months		9		
selective flatfish trawl gear	1,500 lb/ 2 months	10,000 lb/ 2 months	10		
Longspine thornyhead			11	Longspine thornyhead	19,000 lb / 2 months
large & small footrope gear	15,000 lb/ 2 months		12		
selective flatfish trawl gear	1,000 lb/ 2 months		13		
Shortspine thornyhead			14	Shortspine thornyhead	4,200 lb/ 2 months
large & small footrope gear	3,500 lb/ 2 months		15		
selective flatfish trawl gear	1,000 lb/ 2 months		16		
Dover sole			17	Dover sole	50,000 lb/ 2 months
large & small footrope gear	69,000 lb/ 2 months		18		
selective flatfish trawl gear	20,000 lb/ 2 months	35,000 lb/ 2 months	19		
Flatfish (except Dover sole)			20	Flatfish (except Dover sole)	
Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> , English sole & Petrale sole			21	Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> & English sole	110,000 lb/ 2 months
					Other flatfish, English sole &

large & small footrope gear for Other flatfish <sup>3/</sup> & English sole	110,000 lb/ 2 months	Other flatfish, English sole, & Petrale sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 42,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.	22	Petrable sole		Petrable sole: 110,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 42,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole			
large & small footrope gear for Petrale sole	Not limited		23						
selective flatfish trawl gear	100,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 25,000 lb/ 2 months of which may be petrale sole.		24						
Arrowtooth flounder			25				Arrowtooth flounder	No limit	10,000 lb/ 2 months
large & small footrope gear	Not limited	150,000 lb/ 2 months	26						
selective flatfish trawl gear	70,000 lb/ 2 months		27						
Whiting	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip		28	Whiting	Before the primary whiting season: 20,000 lb/trip				
Minor shelf rockfish <sup>1/</sup> , Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish			29	Minor shelf rockfish1/, Shortbelly, Widow & Yelloweye rockfish					
large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months		30	large footrope or midwater trawl for Minor shelf rockfish & Shortbelly	300 lb/ month				
midwater trawl for Widow rockfish	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED		31	large footrope or midwater trawl for Chilipepper	2,000 lb/ 2 months				
selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month		32	large footrope or midwater trawl for Widow & Yelloweye	CLOSED				
Yellowtail			33	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month				
large & small footrope gear	300 lb/ 2 months		34	Bocaccio	-				
midwater trawl	Before the primary whiting season: CLOSED		35	large footrope or midwater trawl	300 lb/ 2 months				
selective flatfish trawl gear	2,000 lb/ 2 months		36	small footrope trawl	CLOSED				
Canary rockfish			37	Canary rockfish					
large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		38	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED				
selective flatfish trawl gear	100 lb/ month		39	small footrope trawl	100 lb/ month				
Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	State Permit Required		40	Minor nearshore rockfish & Black rockfish	State Permit Required				
large & small footrope gear	CLOSED		41	large footrope or midwater trawl	CLOSED				
selective flatfish trawl gear	300 lb/ month		42	small footrope trawl	300 lb/ month				
Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>			43	Lingcod <sup>4/</sup>					
large & small footrope gear	500 lb/ 2 months		44	large footrope or midwater trawl	500 lb/ 2 months				
selective flatfish trawl gear	800 lb/ 2 months		45	small footrope trawl	800 lb/ 2 months				
Other Fish <sup>5/</sup> & Pacific cod	Not limited		46	Other Fish <sup>5/</sup> & Cabezon	Not limited				

1/ Bocaccio, chilipepper and cowcod are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish North of 40 10' N Latitude and Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish South of 40 10' N Latitude.

2/ Splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish North of 40 10' N Latitude and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish South of 40 10' N Latitude.

3/ "Other flatfish" are defined at § 660.302 and include butter sole, curlfin sole, flathead sole, Pacific sanddab, rex sole, rock sole, sand sole, and starry flounder.

4/ The minimum size limit for lingcod is 24 inches (61 cm) total length.

5/ "Other fish" are defined at § 660.302 and include sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadiers, and kelp greenling. Cabezon is included in the trip limits for "other fish." See state regulations for permit requirements and trip limits.

6/ The Rockfish Conservation Area is a gear and/or sector specific closed area generally described by depth contours but specifically defined by lat/long coordinates set out at § 660.390.

7/ The "modified 200 fm" line is modified to exclude certain petrale sole areas from the RCA.

To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.



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### TRAWL

#### OPEN ACCESS

January – April

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The actual boundaries of the RCA are defined by a series of straight lines between “way points”. The coordinates for the way points are available from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS-SEA-04-07). Footrope restrictions see note 3. Vessels may transit the RCA with or without groundfish onboard provided the gear is stowed (see federal register for the definition of stowed).

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### **RIDGEBACK & GOLDEN PRAWN, CA HALIBUT, AND SEA CUCUMBER**

#### ***LANDINGS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE SPECIES OR SPECIES GROUPS LISTED BELOW!***

- ❖ No more than 300 pounds total groundfish bycatch\* per trip. **The following sub-limits and cumulative limits still apply in conjunction with the 300 pound total bycatch limit.**
  - Thornyheads: South of 34° 27' N only: 50 pound daily trip limit with a 2-month cumulative limit of 1,000 pounds.
  - Minor Shelf Rock, widow, chilipepper and yellowtail: 40° 10' N to 34° 27' N only: No more than 300 pounds may be landed during January – February and **CLOSED** March - April. South of 34° 27' N: No more than 500 pounds may be landed during January – February and **CLOSED** March - April.
  - Shallow<sup>10</sup> Nearshore Rock: No more than 300 pounds may be landed during January – February and **CLOSED** March - April. PERMIT REQUIRED, See State Regulations for Nearshore Restrictions.
  - Deeper<sup>10</sup> Nearshore Rock: No more than 500 pounds may be landed during January – February and **CLOSED** March - April. PERMIT REQUIRED, See State Regulations for Nearshore Restrictions.
  - Minor Slope: South of 38° N, 10,000 pounds may be landed during the 2-month cumulative period. North of 38° N, per trip no more than 25% of weight of sablefish landed.
  - Splitnose: South of 40° 10' N: No more than 200 pounds may be landed per month..
  - Flatfish: 3,000 pounds may be landed per month, no more than 300 pounds of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs. CA Halibut fishery south of 38° 57' 30"N only: no more than 300 pounds of which may be species other than Pacific sanddabs, sand sole, starry flounder, rock sole, or curlfin sole.
  - Sablefish: North of 36° N, 300 lbs/day OR one landing per fishing week<sup>8</sup> up to 900 pounds, with a 2-month cumulative limit of 3,600 pounds and South of 36° N, 350 lbs/day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1050 lbs; no cumulative limit.
  - Lingcod: **CLOSED**.
  - CA scorpionfish<sup>10</sup>: No more than 300 pounds may be landed during January – February and **CLOSED** March - April. PERMIT REQUIRED, See State Regulations for Nearshore Restrictions.
  - Other Groundfish<sup>11</sup> (sharks, skates, ratfish, morids, grenadier): No cumulative limit.

\*Pounds of groundfish bycatch landed cannot exceed pounds of target species landed except spiny dogfish landings may exceed the amount of target species landed. Spiny dogfish are limited by the 300 pound per trip over all groundfish limit. Vessels participation in the CA Halibut fishery south of 38° 57' 30"N (only) are allowed to land up to 100 lb/day of groundfish without the ratio requirement, provided that at least one CA Halibut is landed.

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## ***PINK SHRIMP (April - October)***

### **Permitted with in the RCA with excluders**

- ❖ 500 pounds groundfish bycatch per day, multiplied by the number of days of the fishing trip, but not to exceed 1,500 pounds per trip. The following sub-limits and cumulative limits still apply in conjunction with the above total bycatch limit.
  - Lingcod: 300 pounds per month, minimum size limit 24 inches.
  - Sablefish: 2,000 pounds per month.
  - Thornyhead, and canary & yelloweye rockfish: PROHIBITED.
- ❖ For vessels landing groundfish bycatch in the pink shrimp fishery and also operating in the limited entry or open access fisheries.
  - The vessel may retain the larger of the groundfish limits in effect for that same cumulative limit period, but cannot exceed the limit for each gear or fishery when operating in that fishery or with that gear.
  - The limits are not additive.
- ❖ Pounds of groundfish bycatch landed cannot exceed pounds of pink shrimp

NOTES: 1. California adopts federal groundfish regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 189, Commercial Groundfish Fishing)

2. Pink shrimp trawl may be used in the RCA with excluders.

3. Large footrope (greater than 8" in diameter); Small footrope (8" or less in diameter). All trawl types may be used seaward of the RCA. Only small footrope and midwater trawl is permissible shoreward of the RCA. A vessel may have more than one type of trawl gear on board, but the most restrictive limit for any of the gear applies for that trip. A vessel may not have limited entry bottom trawl gear on board if that vessel also has trawl gear on board that is permitted for use within a RCA.

4. The 2-month fishing period are: January-February; March-April; May-June; July-August; September-October; November-December.

5. DTS Complex – Dover sole, longspine and shortspine thornyheads, and trawl caught sablefish.

6. Sablefish trip limits are in round weight equivalent. California allows dressed weight to be reported on landing receipts. If so reported, the receipts must be marked with the code for "dressed head off" (02) in the condition column. The equivalent round weight is computed by multiplying 1.6 times the dressed weight.

7. Groundfish species or species groups for which there is a trip limit, size limit, or OY (optimum yield) must be sorted prior to weighing and the weight reported separately on the Fish and Game receipt.

8. Landing receipts for groundfish must be maintained onboard the vessel during and for 15 days after the end of the cumulative limit period during which the landings occurred (63 FR 34606) (Fish & Game Code 8046.1).

9. Operating in areas with different trip limits. If a vessel takes and retains a groundfish species or species groups; a.) in an area where a more restrictive limit applies before fishing in an area where a more liberal limit or no limit applies; or b.) in an area where a more liberal or no limit applies and takes and retains, possesses or lands that species or species group in an area where a more restrictive limit applies; then the vessel is subject to the more restrictive limit for the period.

10. State Nearshore Fishery Permit and/or Deeper Nearshore Species Fishery Permit Required.

11. Other Groundfish: leopard and soupfin shark, spiny dogfish; big, California and longnose skate; ratfish; finescale codling; and grenadier.



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